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THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" 2,57,680 rupees, Sir."

SRI V. V. RAMASAMI :—" May I know whether the 'Hanuman' is now flying and if so, where? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" It is not flying with the Madras Government."

Alleged smuggling of rice from the southern borders of Malabar.

* 374 *Q.*—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have received complaints that large-scale smuggling of rice is going on from southern borders of Malabar to Travancore-Cochin State; and that the price of rice has gone up in Malabar from Rs. 42 to Rs. 55 per bag?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No."

SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR :—" In view of the fact that rice is decontrolled in Malabar and rice is still under control in Travancore-Cochin and there is a great probability of large-scale smuggling of rice into Travancore-Cochin State from Malabar, may I know whether the Government will consider the desirability of taking adequate precautionary measures? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Several precautionary measures have already been taken and the Collector's report is, he is satisfied, that there is no large scale smuggling into Travancore-Cochin State."

SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR :—" Are the Government aware that the cost of rice in Malabar has gone up after decontrol and if so, the reasons for that? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, if a general question regarding the entire district of Malabar is put, I am not able to answer. It is true that in certain parts, the cost of rice has gone up and the reason for the price going up . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" It has nothing to do with the present question. Let us pass on to the next question."

Cultivation of lands by Harijans under the Grow More Food Scheme in Krishna district.

* 375 *Q.*—SRI G. RAMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Harijans and other agricultural labourers of Bommuluru of Nuzvid taluk (Krishna district) applied to the Collector of Krishna for permission to cultivate the lands in Guravarajugunta, Sundaravarigunta and Kothacheruvu of Bommuluru village under Grow More Food Campaign; and

(*b*) if so, what action the Collector took in the matter?